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Max J. Evans, Director
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Re: Cultural Resources Concurrence for the SITLA Lease ML-48258 (Mill Fork Lease Extension), PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018-PM01I, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is in the process of reviewing a permit extension for the Deer Creek Mine called the Mill Fork Lease. The lease area to be permitted includes portions of the following land:

Township 16 South, Range 6 East, Section 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23 and 24
Township 16 South, Range 7 East, Section 6, 7, 8 and 18

This area is between Huntington Canyon and Indian Creek near Joes Valley.

All mining would be underground using existing surface facilities. There is a potential of subsidence, but the only two nonsignificant prehistoric sites found were in a formation not likely to be effected by subsidence.

An historic and archeological resource evaluation was conducted in the Mill Fork area in 1995 by AERC. A stratified sample or Class II survey method was used. This survey actually sampled 15 percent of the lease area. No significant resources were found. Two nonsignificant prehistoric lithic scatter, no historic and no paleontological resources were found on the lease area.

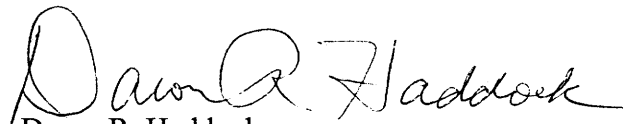
The surface lands of this coal lease are managed by the Forest Service. An Environmental Analysis (EA) was conducted by the Forest Service and BLM for this coal lease. Previous clearance by SHPO was given during the EA phase of the project.

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The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining recommends that a cultural resources clearance be given for this project based on the lack of known significant cultural resources, minor surface disturbance, and the low probability of significant surface effects from subsidence. Please let us know if you can concur with this determination.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call me at 801-538-5325 or Susan White at 801-538-5258.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daron" and last name "Haddock" clearly legible.

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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